[*Translation*]

Use of Hindi in Delhi High Court

7107. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred No. 45 on 12 July, 1991 and state:

(a) the reasons for not introducing Hindi in the work of the Delhi High Court; and

(b) the time by which the use of Hindi is likely to be authorised in the Delhi High Court in addition to English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Article 348(1) of the Constitution of India provides that all the proceedings in the Supreme Court and every High Court shall be in English language until Parliament by law otherwise provides. In the absence of such a law, the work of Delhi High Court is authorised and undertaken in English.

(b) As on law has been enacted by Parliament in this regard so far, it is not possible to indicate any time limit.,

[*English*]

Issue of licences to Sub-brokers in Stock Exchanges

7108. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE :

Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to grant recognition and licence to sub-brokers in various stock exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the unemployed graduates for the grant of such licences;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Government propose to ask the Stock Exchanges to introduce a scheme of registration of sub-brokers who are working with the members of the Stock Exchanges.

(c) to (e). It is for the Stock Exchanges to consider the matter in view of the reply to (a) & (b) above.

Cut in Imports

7109. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the items forming major imports as per the end user classification; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to cut down imports to save foreign exchange during the present financial crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) On the basis of the assessment of foreign exchange requirement for various industries in respect of the units operating in the organised sector for which information is available with the technical authorities, it is the electronic industry whose requirements formed the major part

of the foreign exchange requirements during 1991-92.

(b) A number of steps have been taken by the Govt. to contain imports with a view to save foreign exchange. Details in this regard are contained in the Ministry of Commerce Public Notices No. 172 & 173-ITC(PN)/90-93 dt. 4/7/91 and 196-ITC(PN)/90-93 dt. 14/8/91. Copies of these Public Notices are available in the Parliament library.

Loan taken by People of Goa by Mortgaging Gold with Portugese bank

7110. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan taken by the people of Goa by mortgaging gold with the Portugese Bank at the time of liberation of Goa in 1961;

(b) the interest they have to pay thereon; and

(c) the number of persons who will be getting back this gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) State Bank of India have reported that at the time of liberation of Goa in 1961 a sum of Rs. 9.85 lakhs (approximately) was outstanding as gold loan with the then branches of Banco National Ultramarino (BNU) in Goa.

(b) In terms of the agreement entered into between Chairman, State Bank of India and Chairman, BNU, the gold loan borrowers will have to pay interest at 4 percent (contractual rate) for the last five years together with commission at a flat rate of 6 percent.

(c) While the exact number of persons who will be getting back gold is not known at present. BNU have transferred to State Bank of India 5551 sealed packets of pledged valuables and 33 packets lodged for safe custody.

Revenue Collection from Film Industry

7111. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual revenue earned by the Union Government from the film industry (Production, distribution and exhibition):

(b) the names of items on which the tax is levied; and

(c) the amount of revenue collected from each item from April , 1988 to March, 1991, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Customs duty i levied on imported cinematograph films and Excise duty is levied on feature films cleared from the processing laboratories.

The excise duty collected from April, 1988 onwards is as under:-

(*Rs. in crores*)

1.4.88 to 31,3,89	8.00
1.4.89 to 31.3.90	9.76